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1. The Communists in Weihaiwei (122-06, 37-31) import cotton cloth and similar needed items free of duty. Yarn is imported from Dairen and hand-woven in the Weihaiwei area. The Communists place ten percent duty on all export cargo. They do not pay any salary to the Chinese Maritime Customs men whom they are retaining, but give them between 600 and 800 catties of kaoliang per month which is bartered for living necessities.
2. Most of the residents of Weihaiwei continue to live by selling their personal belongings to the farmers who come into the city.
3. The houses of foreigners are being occupied by the Communists, but the furnishings have been sold. The Communists have occupied the British Consulate but burned the Japanese Consulate. King's Hotel, the largest hotel in town, with about 300 rooms, has been almost completely destroyed by fire.
4. Although the Nationalists continually patrol the waters outside the harbor of Weihaiwei and Chefoo, fishing craft and Diesel-powered trawlers known as "Puff-Puff's" manage to slip in and out of the harbor in considerable numbers.
5. The roads between Weihaiwei and Chefoo are in good condition. The principal method of transportation in the area is by cycles which have a luggage grid at the back on which passengers or goods can be carried. Ox-carts are the only other available means of transportation.
6. Many Japanese are living and working in the city. They are adherents to the Japanese People's Emancipation League formed by the Yen'an Chinese during the war to bring the Japanese to the Communist side.

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